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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., June 28, 2002--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2002, was 2.90 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was unchanged from June 2001 but 2 percent below March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 395,000 head, was up 10 percent from June 1, 2001 and 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.5 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

The March-May 2002 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.6 million head, was 12 percent more than 2001 and 15 percent more than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, 9 percent above last year and the largest quarterly farrowing for this period since 1996.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 180,000 sows farrow during the June-August 2002 quarter, 16 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and 13 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for September-November 2002, at 180,000 sows, are 9 percent above the same period in 2001 and up 20 percent from 2000.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2002, was 59.8 million head. This was 2 percent above both June 2001 and March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was up slightly from June 1, 2001 but down slightly from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.6 million head, was 2 percent above both last year and last quarter.

The March-May 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was 1 percent more than both 2001 and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.93 million head, 2 percent above last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the June-August 2002 quarter, 2 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and 1 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for September-November 2002, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001 and up 3 percent from 2000.

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